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AMCONSUL MADRAS

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 12917

FOR NEA - AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HARCOS/FLETCHER

REF: NEW DELHI 12915 AND 12916

1. POL COUNSELOR SAW MEA JOINT SECRETARY TEJA TODAY AND HANDED HIM AIDE-MEMOIRE SUMMARIZING THE MAIN POINTS OF THE TWO REFTELS AND THE JUDGMENT OF THE EMBASSY'S MEDICAL ADVISOR, DR. ETZEL, THAT THE JAIL SUPERINTENDENT'S CONCERN OVER THE DAMAGE TO THE HEALTH OF THE TWO PRISONERS SEEMED FULLY JUSTIFIED AND THAT SECONDARY INFECTIONS INCLUDING DYSENTERY AND PNEUMONIA COULD BE EXCEEDINGLY DANGEROUS IN THEIR WEAKENED CONDITION. POL COUNSELOR RECALLED AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S CONVERSATION AT DINNER SEPTEMBER 10 WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY ON THE SUBJECT OF HARCOS AND FLETCHER AND ASKED THAT COPIES OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE BE PASSED PROMPTLY TO BOTH. TEJA SAID HE WOULD DO SO IMMEDIATELY.

2. CONSUL GENERAL PICKERING, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN BOMBAY AT
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A CONSULS GENERAL CONFERENCE, HAS SENT A CABLE TO CALCUTTA

ASKING THAT AN APPOINTMENT BE MADE FOR HIM TO SEE THE CHIEF MINISTER OF WEST BENGAL ON SATURDAY TO DISCUSS BOTH THE PROBLEM OF THE HEALTH OF THE PRISONERS AND THE PERSISTENT DELAYS AND OBSTRUCTION OF BOTH BAIL AND THE INITIATION OF THE TRIAL BY THE PROSECUTION.

3. FOR CALCUTTA: DR. ETZEL HAS ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN IF PRISONERS ARE TAKING NO MORE FLUID THAN TWO CUPS OF TEA A DAY. NEXT TIME YOU VISIT PRISONERS, APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING ON HOW MUCH LIQUID THEY ARE DRINKING.
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